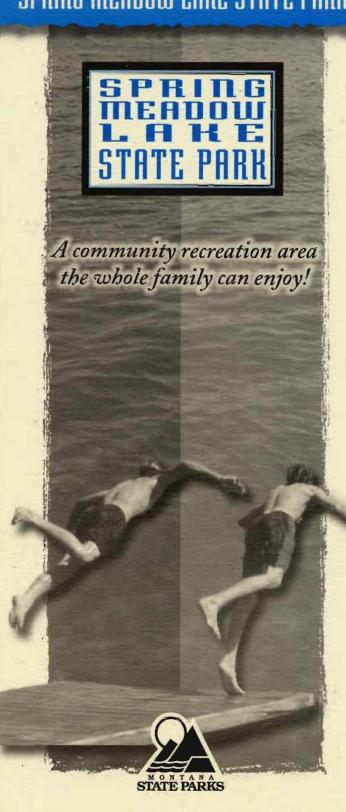
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A popular family retreat, Spring Meadow Lake State Park is a wonderful place to relax and enjoy the outdoors within ½ mile of the Helena city limits.

Developed in 1927 as a gravel pit by the Helena Sand and Gravel Company, the operation closed in 1964 and Spring Meadow was purchased for a recreation area and later a State Park in 1981.

The lake is situated on thick beds of sand and gravel deposited by Ten Mile Creek. These beds extend down over 90 feet, and the groundwater flowing through them is the source of water for the lake.

Following the trail around the wooded end of the lake, hikers may still see several concrete blocks, remnants from 1946 when a dragline anchored to these blocks replaced the power shovel. The dragline extracted gravel to a depth of 90 feet before unusable clay deposits were encountered.

This scenic location continues to provide opportunities to visitors today as a popular swimming, picnicking and fishing area.

SPRING MEADOW LAKE STATE PARK OFFERS:

- · Walking trail
- · Beach
- Swimming
- · Fishing
- · Public restrooms
- · Picnic areas
- · Birdwatching
- · Ice skating
- · Special events and programs



From Helena, travel west on Highway 12, then north on Joslyn Street to Country Club Avenue.

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